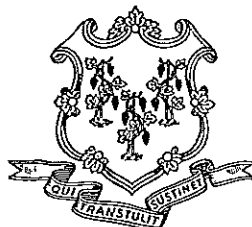


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## Testimony of Rep. Mary Mushinsky (85<sup>th</sup>) in Support of SB 705, An Act Expanding Powers of Municipal Stormwater Authorities

Before the Planning and Development Committee  
Public Hearing February 13, 2013 Room 2B

I support SB 705, An Act Expanding Powers of Municipal Stormwater Authorities, in order to minimize the effects of runoff pollution on the state's waters, including Long Island Sound.

As urban and suburban areas become more paved and less vegetated, and as storms become more intense as a result of climate change, we will need the tools of SB 705 to reduce the amount of water pollution reaching our waterways and Long Island Sound. There are technical solutions that retain and clean up pollution-laden storm water on the premises before pollutants have a chance to enter storm drains and contaminate the nearest waterway. Leaving vegetation in place as properties are developed also filters out this pollution. But municipalities will need new regulatory tools to promote these solutions. We will all benefit from the resulting clean water. Please support SB 705.